



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – February 29, 2016

FirstNet News

- FirstNet posted 122 answers to the questions it received in response to its Request for Proposal (RFP) for the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN). The responses addressed questions related to Covered Leasing Agreements, State Plans, coverage, capacity, cybersecurity, and other concerns. Additionally, FirstNet has offered 33 amendments, many of which were technical in nature and in response to the questions that FirstNet received. The amendments also provide additional information on subjects such as rural telecommunications, pricing and contract administration timelines, and public safety adoption targets. Click [HERE](#) for the full list of responses and amendments.
- On Friday, February 26, FirstNet hosted its quarterly state and territory single point of contact (SPOC) webinar, with 51 states and territories in attendance. The webinar provided updates on the RFP and consultations. It also included an official kick-off of the first consultation task team (CTT) on Quality of Service, Priority and Preemption (QPP). Additionally, the webinar previewed the Spring SPOC Meeting that is scheduled for April 12-13 in McLean, Virginia.
- Last week, the User Advocacy team continued SPOC 2016 consultation kick-off meetings with Arkansas, West Virginia, Alabama, New Mexico, Minnesota, Utah, Massachusetts and New York; nearly 40 meetings have now been completed.
- Last week, FirstNet published three new entries on its blog: [Early Builders: LA-RICS Demonstration at the Tournament of Roses Parade](#); [Public Safety Virtual Assistants for FirstNet](#), which was written by the FirstNet technology team and reposted from [The Police Chief](#) magazine; and [highlights from the initial consultation in the Northern Mariana Islands territory \(CNMI\)](#). All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.
- This week, FirstNet is speaking at the California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA) Conference in San Diego, California; the Boulder City and County Upper Management meeting in Boulder, Colorado; the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III Regional Communications Coordination Working Group plenary session; the Rhode Island Interoperable Communications Committee meeting in Warwick, Rhode Island; the Idaho FirstNet Focus Governance meeting in Boise, Idaho; the Tennessee Consolidated Network for Emergency Communications and Technology 2016 Regional Public Safety Broadband Network Conference (East) in Spencer, Tennessee; the Vermont Public Safety Broadband Commission meeting in Waterbury, Vermont; the Central Virginia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Expo in Henrico, Virginia; and the

International City/County Management Association Government Affairs & Police Committee meeting in Washington, DC.

- FirstNet will hold a Pre-Proposal Conference to discuss the RFP on March 10 at 1:00 p.m. ET at its headquarters in Reston, VA. The conference will also be webcast. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- On Monday, February 22, FirstNet staff presented to members of the Indian Country Law Enforcement Section (ICLES) of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. FirstNet staff also attended the Indian Country Officer of the Year award banquet, which honored officers from the Navajo Nation Police Department who were involved in a fatal shootout in Arizona in March 2015.
- Last week, a member of FirstNet's tribal team accompanied the Region II lead around New York State to contact seven of the state's eight tribes, meeting personally with four. Efforts are underway to schedule in-person meetings with all of the tribes.
- The PSAC continues with weekly conference call meetings with the ICAM and Local Control Task Teams.
- On Monday, February 22, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Focus Group held its first meeting. The group reviewed FirstNet's current EMS outreach efforts and provided recommendations for enhancement. FirstNet staff will schedule additional discipline-specific focus group meetings shortly.

Media Watch

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Radio Resource/Mission Critical: Motorola CEO Confirms FirstNet RFP Participation, Discusses Financial Results

<http://mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13977>

Motorola Solutions Chairman and CEO Greg Brown said the public-safety equipment supplier will participate in the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) request for proposals (RFP).

FCW: FirstNet pushes bid deadline two weeks

<https://fcw.com/articles/2016/02/22/firstnet-extended-rockwell.aspx>

To allow time to answer more of the questions -- and to give industry a chance to digest that feedback -- FirstNet extended its deadline for submission of optional capability statements from March 17 to March 31.

RCR Wireless News: FirstNet extends RFP deadline, answers vendor questions

<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20160222/network-infrastructure/lte/firstnet-extends-rfp-deadline-answers-vendor-questions-tag6>

The First Responder Network Authority has extended the deadline for FirstNet RFP responses, and released the first set of answers to the 402 questions on its Request for Proposal for a national public safety LTE network. That figure is fewer than the 650 questions that the organization received on its draft RFP.

SourceSecurity: FirstNet Requests Proposals For Hack-Resistant Public Safety Network For First Responders

<http://us.sourcesecurity.com/news/articles/firstnet-hack-resistant-public-safety-first-responders-co-13761-ga-co-13763-ga.19746.html>

FirstNet is envisioned to be a backbone based on open, non-proprietary standards and commercially available equipment. It will not replace existing mobile radio, cellular and Internet services being used by public safety agencies.

Urgent Communications: New Hampshire gets five RFP bids for a public-safety LTE system, but no opt-out decision has been made

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/new-hampshire-gets-five-rfp-bids-public-safety-lte-system-no-opt-out>

New Hampshire receives five bids in response to its request for proposal (RFP) to build a statewide public-safety LTE system, but a key state official reiterated that the process is designed to provide the governor with the "best information possible" and is not a certain precursor to opting out of FirstNet.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet's social media sites continue to attract new users/followers. Twitter gained more than 30 followers, and now has 3,250 followers; LinkedIn has 1,353 followers; YouTube and Google+ held steady at 224 subscribers and 66 users, respectively.